

IN THE CLAIMS

Delete Claim 20.

Amend Claim 17 as follows:

17. A device for delivering antimicrobial vapor to the lumen of an article during solution vapor sterilization, said device comprising a vessel including a cartridge for containing [an] a known quantity of antimicrobial solution and having an opening therein, [and] said vessel including means for connecting said opening of said [vessel] cartridge to said lumen said [vessel] cartridge being closed to the ambient atmosphere except through such opening said [vessel] cartridge containing a known quantity of antimicrobial solution for vapor formation wherein said [vessel] means for connecting includes [a] an [second] opening for releasably attaching [a] said cartridge containing [said] a known quantity of antimicrobial solution to form said vessel.

REMARKS

On appeal, the Board of Appeals entered a new ground for rejection which was a 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection that Claims 11 and 17-19 were indefinite. For the reasons described below, it is believed that Claim 11 was definite as